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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES  
MADE, AND LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS WITH PROPER IDENTIFIERS**

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 4, wherein the opposite side edges are beveled towards one side so as to form an inner side and an outer side, with the inner side having a surface area which is smaller than a surface area of the outer side.
3. (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 4, wherein the bending step and the shaping step are implemented by a roll forming operation.
4. (Currently amended) ~~[[The]]~~ A method of claim 4 of securing a rod-shaped part in a surrounding holding member, comprising the following steps:  
fabricating a flat holding member having opposite side edges formed with  
elements configured for interlocking engagement;  
bending the side edges of the holding member upwards;  
shaping the holding member into a cross-section in accordance to a cross  
section of the rod-shaped part;  
inserting the rod-shaped part into the holding member; and  
press-fitting the holding member about the rod-shaped part to permanently  
connect the holding member to the rod-shaped part, wherein the press-fitting  
step includes a first pressing operation at one position of the holding memb r

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so that the holding member assumes a non-round configuration, and at least  
two a second pressing operations operation which act on the holding member  
at a positions position offset to the one another position by 90° to conform to  
the cross section of the rod-shaped part.

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[1]] 4, wherein the rod-shaped part has a radial profile.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the rod-shaped part has a thread.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the rod-shaped part is a threaded rod.
8. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[1]] 4, wherein the rod-shaped part has a circular cross section.

Claims 9-17 (Canceled)